

EDISTO RIVER SURVEY

OPENING OF THE STREAM TO NAVIGATION LIKELY.

Findings of Engineers Can Not of Course be Foretold, But the Project is Well Considered.

Persistent efforts upon the part of Representatives Lever, Legare and Elberbe, the latter a member of the house committee on rivers and harbors, have resulted in the issuance of an order for a full and detailed survey of the waterways between Orangeburg and Charleston, says a letter from Washington to The State.

Representative Lever was Tuesday notified by the war department that the chief of engineers has acted favorably on the recommendation already made by the board of engineers for a detailed survey on this waterway, which insures that the survey will be made.

While the findings of the engineers who will make this survey can not be foretold, the fact that the preliminary survey was sufficient to warrant the ordering of a full survey may be considered as indicating the probability that the long-hoped-for improvement of this waterway will result. Mr. Lever Tuesday said:

"There seems to be some misapprehension as to the exact status of the project to open up the waterways between Orangeburg and Charleston to navigation. The authority for the preliminary survey which has already been made by Capt. Adams was put into the last river and harbor act, at my request, by Representative Elberbe, a member of the rivers and harbors committee.

"The preliminary survey warranted Capt. Adams in asking for an allotment of a certain amount of money from a lump sum appropriation sufficient to conduct a detailed survey of the waterways in question. This recommendation, as provided by law, went to the board of engineers and was unfavorably received.

"A hearing before that body of representatives from Orangeburg, Branchville and Walterboro, at which Representative Legare and I were present, was had on January 3, and a few days later the board, viewing the situation in a different light, concluded to act favorably upon the recommendations of Capt. Adams. The conclusions of the board, as is always the case, were referred to the chief of engineers for final action.

"Now that the chief of engineers likewise acts favorably upon the report, authority is thereby given for a full and detailed survey by Capt. Adams. What such a survey will show of course, no one can tell. If it should be such as to favorably impress Capt. Adams, he will make his findings known to the proper authority and base his recommendations for an appropriation at the hands of congress upon the data thus collected.

"These recommendations it must be understood, will require the approval, action upon the part of the chief of engineers of the war department. In the event of such approval, action upon the part of congress then becomes necessary. Those of us here interested in the proposition will use our best endeavors to get favorable consideration for an appropriation sufficient to carry into execution such a project for improvement as may be commended by the war department.

"Of course, nothing can be done at this session of congress, for the reason that it is not likely that the detailed survey upon which the project must be based, will have been completed before the adjournment of this session. Mr. Legare and I have the assurance of our colleague, Mr. Elberbe, a member of the committee of his hearty support of the idea of improving the waterways between Orangeburg and Charleston, and we feel that with his help and a favorable report, based upon the detailed survey, which is now authorized, we shall have a good chance of ultimate success in this undertaking which we know means so much to the territory interested."

"Buster Brown" Coming.

In the diminutive person of Master Harold, the tiny chap who appears as Buster Brown this season, the proprietors of the popular musical play, bearing that well known title, have found a veritable treasure. He is said to be superior to all the midgest actors that have ever played the part. Aside from his charming personality, the little fellow really possesses a marvelous singing voice, and his songs are delightful. The new Buster and his big supporting company of decided merit, promises to be one of the season's most pleasing entertainments. The date here is Friday, Jan. 27th.

Once Lived Here.

A dispatch from Washington says: "Dr. Clarence J. Owens, commissioner of agriculture and immigration of the Southern Commercial congress, will deliver the annual address before the Southern society of St. Louis on the 19th. At the meeting Monday night of the Southern society of Washington, of which Secretary Dickinson is president and Champ Clark is vice president. Dr. Owens was unanimously elected to membership." Dr. Owens was at one time a resident of this city, when he was at the head of the Orangeburg Collegiate Institute.

Give Us a Trial.

The Times and Democrat has at considerable expense equipped itself for printing law briefs on short notice. If you have any work of this kind let us do it for you, and we are sure we can please you. We have an equipment for our Mergenthaler machine that will be used for nothing else but law briefs. All we ask is a trial.

HUGE COTTON FIRE.

About Eleven Hundred Bales Burned in Warehouse.

One of the most disastrous fires that has visited this city in a number of years took place Thursday afternoon when the People's cotton warehouse was burned, containing over 1,000 bales of cotton. The cotton in this warehouse was owned largely by John Cart, a prominent cotton buyer of this city. The rest of the cotton was stored in Mr. Cart's warehouse by other persons, for whom Mr. Cart is warehouseman.

The loss entailed upon Mr. Cart is, in all probability, covered by insurance, as between \$65,000 and \$70,000 insurance was carried on this cotton. There will very likely be a large salvage, as it is thought nearly one-third of the cotton will be saved. There was nearly 1,100 bales of cotton in the warehouse at the time of the fire. This cotton is worth between \$70,000 and \$80,000.

The fire fighting of the local fire companies was excellent, as the large reservoir of the Standard Oil company was within 20 feet of the burning building, while the Southern Cotton Oil company's plant and the Orangeburg Cotton Manufacturing plant were in close proximity. The warehouse was a large brick building, with metal roof. The origin of the fire is not known, the fire being under great headway when discovered.

The fire departments were hard at work for several hours getting the fire under control, but they at last succeeded, and then they went to work to put out the fire in the cotton, which took them until a late hour in the night. Chief Dibble and his brave firemen are to be congratulated on the handsome manner in which they fought and subdued this very dangerous fire.

ORANGEBURG'S POSTOFFICE.

Work Will Begin On It About the Middle of August.

In a letter to Postmaster A. D. Webster Congressman Lever says work on Orangeburg's new and handsome postoffice building will begin on or about August 15 next. In his letter Mr. Lever says:

"I have just had a talk with the Supervising Architect of the Treasury relative to the postoffice building for Orangeburg, and he informs me that work will probably begin on that building about the fifteenth of August. This delay, of course, as you know, has been due to the increase in the limit of cost which was made in the last public buildings bill which necessitated a change of plans to some extent. The Secretary of the Treasury in his report last Saturday recommends that \$30,000 be appropriated in the Sundry Civil bill for expenditure during this fiscal year—this gives him all the money necessary at this time. Everything in connection with the proposition is in good shape and it is only a question of a few more months before actual work will be begun."

As Mr. Lever says, the delay was unavoidable under the circumstances, and, therefore, nobody worried themselves about it. We all felt sure that Mr. Lever was looking after the matter, and that the building would come in good time.

Baptist Union to Meet.

Program for the first division of the Orangeburg Association. The said union will meet with the Mizpah Baptist church on Saturday before the 5th Sunday in January, 1911, at 10 o'clock a. m. Report from churches and enrollment of delegates.

11 a. m.—Introductory sermon by Rev. B. C. Herlong.

12 m.—Query No. 1. What method can we adopt to have our churches take more interest in union meetings. Stiles R. Mellichamp to open the discussion.

1 p. m.—Recess for dinner.

2:30 p. m.—Discussion of Query No. 2. What is true religion and how it will manifest itself in the life of the church members? Opened by Rev. G. N. Spruill.

Sunday at 10:30 Sunday-school mass meeting, addressed by B. M. Foreman.

11 a. m.—Missionary sermon by Rev. Hartwell Edwards. All appointees are urged to be present. J. L. Zeigler, for com.

Boys' Corn Club to be Organized.

Superintendent L. W. Livingston has given notice for the farmer boys of our country to meet at the court house on Saturday, Feb. 4th, at 11 o'clock, for the purpose of reorganizing the Boys' Corn Club. All boys under eighteen and able to tend an acre of corn are invited to come out and join the club. A full meeting is earnestly requested as officers for the year are to be elected.

Plans are on foot to hold a meeting of the public-spirited citizens of our county soon for the purpose of discussing plans and donating prizes to encourage agricultural development among our boys. Notice of this meeting will be given in the county papers.

Made Gravest Error.

The Lexington Dispatch says: "In our opinion Governor Ansel made the gravest error of his entire administration when he commuted to life imprisonment the sentence of Pink Franklin, the Orangeburg negro, condemned to die for the murder of an officer of the law during 1907." A great many in this county agree with the Dispatch.

Will Be Held Down.

Our efficient Board of Health has taken every precaution to confine the small pox to the Gypsy camp where it originated, and no apprehension need be felt about its spreading. In the meantime, we would advise all people who have not been vaccinated to have it done at once.

LONG LOST IS FOUND

LIZZIE M. LEWIS TURNS OUT TO BE LIZZIE M. CAIN.

The Mother and Father of the Girl Are Certain She is Their Long Lost Daughter.

As stated in The Times and Democrat, Lizzie M. Lewis, who was supposed to be Lizzie M. Cain, the little colored girl who was stolen while visiting John Robinson's circus in this city some thirty years ago, arrived in this city on last Wednesday from Supulpa, Okla., where she is wintering with the circus, she still being attached to it in the capacity of an actress in one of the side shows that travel with the Robinsons.

Letter Carrier O. D. Cain met the young woman on her arrival here and took her to the home of his parents, who live between here and Bowman, for the purpose of having them identify her as their daughter. This they readily did, and now there is no doubt on the part of any member of the family but that the young woman, Lizzie M. Lewis, is no other than Lizzie M. Cain, who was stolen and carried off from this city when she was five years old.

Of course there was great joy in the hearts of the old people when they once more clasped to their hearts their long lost daughter. How and by whom she was stolen is a mystery, as she was too young when it occurred for her to remember anything about it. If it is ever revealed, it will have to be done by those who stole her, but this is not likely, and the kidnapping of the child is likely to remain a mystery until it is revealed in that world where all secrets are made known.

In company with her brother, Mail Carrier Cain, the young woman paid a visit to The Times and Democrat office on Thursday afternoon. She is a fine looking young woman, and does not look to be over twenty-five years of age, although she says she is thirty-five years old. She speaks in the kindest terms of the owners of the circus, saying that they had treated her fine ever since she could remember anything about being with them. Her appearance indicates that she has been well taken care of.

She is very intelligent, being posted on most current topics. She says the circus owners sent her to school and to college and have done all they could to equip her for life. She seems to be greatly attached to the wife of the owner of the circus, who, she says, has always been very kind to her in hundreds of ways. She does not seem to think that the owners or managers of the circus had anything to do with her mysterious disappearance on that fateful day some thirty years ago.

If the kidnapping of this young woman from Orangeburg, when she was a little girl only five years old some thirty years ago, could be unravelled it would be a most interesting story. Who kidnapped her, and why was she kidnapped are some of the mysteries connected with the case. Do the circus people kidnap girls in this way and bring them up to the show business as they did this young woman? Have they any other kidnapped people with them and other such thoughts came to our mind as we contemplated the strange and mysterious case of Lizzie M. Lewis, to be known hereafter as Lizzie M. Cain.

Death of an Old Soldier.

The Calhoun Advance says: "On Monday night at his home in Pine Grove township, Capt. James H. Shirer, one of Calhoun's oldest and most highly respected citizens, died in his 79th year, after an illness of a little more than a week, with paralysis. Capt. Shirer was a man of wide influence, fearless to the core, but true and just to friend and foe alike, whose influence for good was always felt, and whose advice always sought by his friends and neighbors, on most almost all matters of interest to his church and community. He served with honor and distinction during the entire confederacy. And upon his return home started life anew, and made a success of his farming operations and reared a large family of hard working, honest, upright and industrious children." Capt. Shirer was a member of the Lutheran church. Besides his widow, he leaves four sons and one daughter to mourn his death.

The Edisto Rifles.

The meeting called to take steps to reorganize the Edisto Rifles, held on last Tuesday evening, was pretty well attended. Capt. J. P. Moseley presided. He stated that before the company could be reinstated it would be necessary to get up a roll of at least forty men. Messrs. F. C. Schifley, W. W. Dukes, W. C. Crum, Jr., George Seligson, W. O. Cain and J. P. Moseley to secure the names of such young men as wish to join the company. Another meeting will be held on Wednesday evening next, when the committee will report.

Teachers' Meeting.

The regular monthly teachers meeting will be held at the court house on Saturday, Jan. 28, at 11 o'clock. At this meeting the present adoption of school books will be discussed. Also the boys corn club work among our boys and also methods to encourage our children to pay more attention to the study of South Carolina History and Geography. This is an important meeting and all teachers and friends of education are urged to come out.

Camp Thomas J. Glover U. C. V.

Attend your regular meeting next Tuesday, January 26th, at Young America Hall, Orangeburg, at 12 o'clock. A full attendance requested. By order of Commandant F. S. Dibble, Adjutant.

HAPPENINGS AT McALHANEY'S.

What the Good People of That Place Are Doing.

Mrs. Ellie McAlhanev visited Miss Pearl Padgett Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Berry spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McAlhanev.

Miss Jesse Berry, who has been visiting Mrs. J. D. McAlhanev has returned home.

Miss Lizzie Smoak and Miss Utasia Berry are spending some time with Miss Fannie McAlhanev.

Quite a large crowd was out Sunday to hear Brother Bailey preach, and he preached a fine sermon.

Mrs. John W. McAlhanev, who had the misfortune to break her arm a few weeks ago, will soon be all right again.

Mr. W. B. McAlhanev and his son, Geody, have been visiting for the last few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Dukes.

A very pleasant evening was spent in a sociable at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Berry Saturday evening. Games of every kind were played, and the young boys and girls sure enjoyed themselves.

Miss Carrie Stroman from Orangeburg and Miss Madeline Ziegler and Charlie Ziegler and Dan Bozard from Cameron, who had been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. McAlhanev, have returned to their homes.

One of the most enjoyable sociables we ever had was given by Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McAlhanev on Thursday night. Among those present were Misses Fannie, Betty, Nettie and Minnie Lee McAlhanev, Pearl Padgett, Pauline and Lucile Ott, and Jesse Berry, and Messrs. John, Julius, Jake, Clarence, Ed and Ike McAlhanev, Bob and Kistler Berry, Robt. Ott and Dannie Berry and Shields McAlhanev. M. G. M.

GEN. ROBERT EDWARD LEE.

His Memory Honored by the People of Orangeburg.

The birthday of Gen. Robert Edward Lee, the great Confederate military leader, was fittingly celebrated Thursday afternoon at the court house, a program arranged by Paul McMichael Chapied, United Daughters of the Confederacy, being most satisfactorily carried out.

Major W. L. Izlar, one of Orangeburg's most gallant veterans, acted as master of ceremonies. After the rendering of "Dixie" by the Orangeburg orchestra under the leadership of Mr. O. K. Wilson, the Rev. W. S. Holmes, rector of the Episcopal church, was introduced and offered the invocation. Dr. H. W. Bays was then introduced and delivered a magnificent eulogy on the life and character of Gen. Lee, which was warmly applauded by the large audience in attendance.

"Annie Laurie," with variations, was then sung by a selected chorus of the members of the Choral Club. The following ladies composed the chorus: Mrs. W. G. Smith, Mrs. W. R. Lowman, Mrs. M. G. Salley, Mrs. B. F. Muckenfuss, Mrs. E. C. Dibble, Mrs. W. L. Glaze, Miss Sue Walker and Miss May Riggs. Mrs. W. S. Holmes played the accompaniment on the piano.

Mrs. Edward R. Pauling was then introduced and read the prize essay on the great Southern chieftain, for which a prize of \$5 in gold was offered by the United Daughters of the Confederacy to the older students of the public schools.

After this reading Dr. Holland, of the Lutheran church, made appropriate remarks and announced the winner of the prize, who up to this announcement was not known to the audience; he then delivered the gold piece to Miss Frances Rodriguez, with complimentary references to her effort.

Dr. Holland announced that fifty-one papers had been handed in to the judges, Mrs. W. K. Sease, Mrs. J. E. Glover and Mrs. B. B. Owen, and added the statement that there was not an inferior essay among them.

There was more music, after which the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. D. D. Dantzer, who was a gallant follower of the immortal Lee in many a hard fought battle.

Game Supper for Mr. Keller.

The Spartanburg Journal says a pleasant reunion of friends after the Christmas vacation was enjoyed recently when Tom Calvert entertained at his home in honor of Benjamin Keller of Cameron. On the dining table where covers were laid for 16, bowls of crimson carnations were used in pleasing contrast to the black and gold of Wofford, the college colors used throughout the menu. The game served came from the "Happy Hunting Ground" around Cameron where the host had spent the holidays with Mr. Keller. Those who consented to listen to the stories of the returned Nimrods were Max Ashbill, Ansel Calvert, Bobo Burnett, Magnus Byers, Hicks Harman, Rob Lee, Frank Montgomery, Vernon Padgett, James Chapman, C. D. Steele, Hugh Black, Ed Thomson, B. S. Keller, Marsh Smith.

Woman's Missionary Meeting.

The Woman's Quarterly Missionary meeting of the 1st division of the Orangeburg Association will meet with the Mizpah church on Saturday, Jan. 28th, 1911.

Devotional exercises by the president. Enrollment of delegates and reports from Societies, Y. W. S. and Sunbeams.

Paper on "Our Obligation to Send the Gospel," by Mrs. L. K. Sturkie, followed by discussion.

Paper on "Personal Service," by Miss Lila Bozard, also followed by discussion.

Talk on Y. M. S. work by Mrs. G. E. Davis.

Mrs. B. M. Foreman.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

PICKED UP ALL OVER TOWN BY OUR REPORTERS.

What is Happening Here and There. Local Items of Personal Interest to Our Readers.

Let us be thankful that the blizzard gave us the go-by. We don't need them.

Miss Maud Rickenbaker is on an extensive visit in Greenwood; Anderson and Walhalla visiting relatives.

Smiles should be the legal tender in every family for the payment of all debts of kindness and each member should be willing to take this currency at its face value.

The maiden name of the mother of Mrs. Julia Salley was Stroman and not Gramling as was generally published a few days ago. We make the correction simply to keep the record straight.

Four shares of the Bank of Orangeburg were sold recently in winding up the estate of the late Isaac Redmon at public auction. They were bid off by Dr. L. K. Sturkie for \$226 per share.

The fire at the cotton warehouse on Thursday was one of the hardest to subdue our brave firemen have had to contend with in several years. It burned several hours before it was entirely extinguished.

Prof. and Mrs. D. I. Smith, of Greenville, who were on a visit for a few days to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Crum, left Wednesday morning to visit their daughter in the lower part of the State. Mrs. Smith is a sister of Mrs. Crum.

We have been informed that the friends of Dr. L. K. Sturkie will present him as a candidate for Probate Judge and Special Master in case Robert E. Copes, Esq., is elevated to the judgeship of this circuit. Dr. Sturkie is fully qualified for the position.

The account published by The Times and Democrat of the finding of the little kidnapped girl in the person of Lizzie M. Lewis has been copied all over this and other States. This only shows how a story can travel when it is published by a newspaper with a circulation.

We are not surprised at the cotton mills shutting down. They find it very hard to dispose of their product at a profit, and by shutting down they hope to improve matters. Our local mills have not made any money in months, because of the low price of the goods they make.

Don't repress the buoyant spirit of your children; half an hour of merriment around the lamp and firelight of a home blots out many a care and annoyance during the day, and the best safeguard they can take with them into the world is the unseen influence of a bright little domestic circle.

ATTENTION READERS.

For the Benefit of All We Publish This General Invitation.

Clemson College, S. C., January 6, 1911.

Dear Sir:—

Several years ago a few of the owners and breeders of live stock in this State met and organized the South Carolina Live Stock Association, the purpose of the Association being to promote the live stock industry of South Carolina. As a motto to work under they adopted "More Live Stock and Better Live Stock." Each year since the organization an annual meeting has been held in the city of Columbia. Reports of these meetings have been published and I have sent you a copy of the report of the last meeting. I hope that you have read it.

Your name has been given to me as one who is interested in live stock, and I now write to ask if you will not join the Association and help to work for "More and Better Live Stock."

South Carolina is justly proud of her corn records, but she should not be proud of her live stock. She is far short both in quality and number of live stock kept. To continue to increase the yield of grain and cotton animal manures are necessary. Not only is the manure needed, but larger and better horses and mules are needed to break the soil and to work the crops.

The Association has done much in getting the present inspection laws passed which have done so much for the State. But to go its best it must have the help of every one who is interested in live stock. Therefore, I would urge you to join and help us to push forward the good work. Enclosed you will find an application card which I hope you will fill out and return to me.

The next meeting will be held February 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, and a program will be sent you later. In connection with the Association meeting will be held a Butter Scoring Contest. This contest will be open to all and will cost nothing except the express charges on the butter entered. There will be two classes of butter, namely, Dairy Butter and Farm or Country Butter. The butter will be judged by an expert from Washington and the premiums will be good—\$20, \$15, \$8, \$5 and \$2 for each class. If you are interested, write me for rules and entry blanks.

With best wishes for the New Year, I remain

Yours very truly,
J. M. Burgess,
Secy. and Treas.

Company "L" Attention.

Attend meeting and drill Saturday afternoon, Jan. 21st, at 3:30 o'clock, sharp. By order of J. H. Claffy, Captain.

The Great Clearance Sale

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